

Minutes
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

February 13, 2009

1:15-2:30 pm

Advisory council members present: Jason Miller, Co-Chair, Bob Worthington, Co-Chair, Jerry Keck, Don Judge, Dan Lee, Connie Welsh, Riley Johnson

Core team members present: Diana Ferriter, Judy Bovington, George Kochman

Others present: Chantal Van Daele, WorkSafeMT; Nancy Butler, Carl Kochman, Montana State Fund; Larry Jones, Liberty Northwest

I. Status of LMAC Bill, HB 283
Transmitted to Senate

II. Status of Department Workers' Compensation Bills
HB 119—transmitted to the Senate
HB 138—transmitted to the Senate

III. Status of Other Workers' Compensation Bills
The LMAC reviewed the list of bills being tracked. No new bills were added to the list. Amendment language for HB 204 was discussed. Jerry asked members to review the language since it appears different from the proposed language submitted by the IC Committee. Bob advised Rep. Ebinger is looking to the IC Committee for input. Jerry advised the sponsor offered an amendment to HB452 that leaves 39-71-604(2) in the bill, rather than striking that section. SB363 was discussed and concerns were raised about broadening exemptions with such general language. Jerry agreed to find out from the University self-insurance program how they cover or pay speakers at their functions or workshops. Riley advised SB371 passed out of committee on a 6-5 vote with two amendments.

IV. Public Comment
Marv Jordan and Mike Marsh expressed frustration with the background noise on the conference from other participants. Bob suggested at the beginning of each call, participants are reminded to mute their phones to eliminate background noise.

V. Next Steps

Contact the University Self-Insurance Program	Jerry	Feb-20-2009
Reserve a room at Capitol for next phone conference	George	Feb-20-2009

Next teleconference: Friday, Feb. 20, 1:15p